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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3120)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the registration of motor trucks, truck  
2 tractors, trailers, and semitrailers and providing for  
3 apportioned registration of commercial motor vehicles  
4 under the international registration plan, and including  
5 implementation provisions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 60, Code Supplement  
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 60. *“Registration year”* means the period of twelve  
4 consecutive months beginning on the first day of the month  
5 following the month of the birth of the owner of the vehicle  
6 for vehicles registered by the county treasurer ~~and the~~  
7 ~~calendar year for vehicles registered by the department~~  
8 ~~or motor trucks and truck tractors with a combined gross~~  
9 ~~weight exceeding five tons which are registered by the county~~  
10 ~~treasurer. For leased vehicles registered by the county~~  
11 ~~treasurer, except for motor trucks and truck tractors with a~~  
12 ~~combined gross weight exceeding five tons, “registration year”~~  
13 means the period of twelve consecutive months beginning on  
14 the first day of the month following the month in which the  
15 lease expires. For vehicles registered under chapter 326,  
16 “registration year” means the twelve-month period determined by  
17 the department pursuant to section 326.14.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321.20, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
19 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

20 Except as provided in this chapter, an owner of a vehicle  
21 subject to registration shall make application to the county  
22 treasurer of the county of the owner’s residence, or if a  
23 nonresident, to the county treasurer of the county where the  
24 primary users of the vehicle are located, or if a lessor of  
25 the vehicle pursuant to chapter 321F which vehicle has a  
26 gross vehicle weight of less than ten thousand pounds, to the  
27 county treasurer of the county of the lessee’s residence,  
28 or if a firm, association, or corporation with vehicles in  
29 multiple counties, the owner may make application to the county  
30 treasurer of the county where the primary user of the vehicle  
31 is located, for the registration and issuance of a certificate  
32 of title for the vehicle upon the appropriate form furnished  
33 by the department. However, upon the transfer of ownership,  
34 the owner of a vehicle subject to the ~~proportional~~ apportioned  
35 registration provisions of chapter 326 shall make application

1 for ~~registration and~~ issuance of a certificate of title to  
2 either the department or the appropriate county treasurer. The  
3 application shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars,  
4 and shall bear the owner's signature. A nonresident owner  
5 of two or more vehicles subject to registration may make  
6 application for registration and issuance of a certificate  
7 of title for all vehicles subject to registration to the  
8 county treasurer of the county where the primary user of any  
9 of the vehicles is located. The owner of a mobile home or  
10 manufactured home shall make application for a certificate  
11 of title under this section from the county treasurer of the  
12 county where the mobile home or manufactured home is located.  
13 The application shall contain:

14 Sec. 3. Section 321.20A, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 **321.20A Certificate of title and registration fees —**  
17 **commercial vehicles.**

18 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the  
19 owner of a commercial vehicle subject to the ~~proportional~~  
20 apportioned registration provisions of chapter 326 may make  
21 application to the department or the appropriate county  
22 treasurer for a certificate of title. The application for  
23 certificate of title shall be made within thirty days of  
24 purchase or transfer and shall be accompanied by a twenty  
25 dollar title fee and the appropriate fee for new registration.  
26 The department or the county treasurer shall deliver the  
27 certificate of title to the owner if there is no security  
28 interest. If there is a security interest, the title,  
29 when issued, shall be delivered to the first secured party.  
30 Delivery may be made using electronic means.

31 2. An owner of more than fifty commercial vehicles subject  
32 to the ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration provisions of  
33 chapter 326 who is issued a certificate of title under this  
34 section shall not be subject to annual registration fees until  
35 the commercial vehicle is driven or moved upon the highways.

1 The annual registration fee due shall be prorated for the  
2 remaining unexpired months of the registration year. Ownership  
3 of the commercial vehicle shall not be transferred until annual  
4 registration fees have been paid to the department.

5 Sec. 4. Section 321.34, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2011,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 4. *Multiyear Permanent plates.* In lieu of issuing annual  
8 registration plates for trailers, semitrailers, motor trucks,  
9 and truck tractors, the department may issue a ~~multiyear~~  
10 ~~registration plate for a three-year period or a permanent~~  
11 ~~registration plate for trailers, and semitrailers, licensed~~  
12 ~~under chapter 326, and a permanent registration plate for~~  
13 ~~motor trucks, and truck tractors licensed under chapter 326,~~  
14 upon payment of the appropriate registration fee. Payment  
15 of fees for trailers and semitrailers for a permanent  
16 registration plate shall, at the option of the registrant,  
17 be made at five-year intervals or on an annual basis. Fees  
18 from ~~three-year and five-year payments~~ shall not be reduced or  
19 prorated. Payment of fees for motor trucks and truck tractors  
20 shall be made on an annual basis.

21 Sec. 5. Section 321.39, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2011, are  
22 amended by striking the subsections.

23 Sec. 6. Section 321.40, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 1. Application for renewal ~~of~~ for a vehicle registration  
26 registered under this chapter shall be made on or after the  
27 first day of the month prior to the month of expiration of  
28 registration and up to and including the last day of the  
29 month following the month of expiration of registration. The  
30 registration shall be renewed upon payment of the appropriate  
31 annual registration fee. Application for renewal for a vehicle  
32 registered under chapter 326 shall be made on or after the  
33 first day of the month prior to the month of expiration of  
34 registration and up to and including the last day of the ~~month~~  
35 ~~following the~~ month of expiration of registration.

1     Sec. 7. Section 321.46A, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **321.46A Change from ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration —**  
4 **credit.**

5     An owner changing a vehicle's registration from ~~proportional~~  
6 apportioned registration under chapter 326 to registration  
7 under this chapter shall be entitled to a credit on the  
8 vehicle's annual registration fees under this chapter. The  
9 credit ~~shall~~ may be allowed when the owner surrenders to the  
10 county treasurer proof of ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration  
11 provided by the department. The amount of the credit shall  
12 be calculated based on the unexpired complete calendar  
13 months remaining in the registration year from the date the  
14 application is filed with the county treasurer.

15     Sec. 8. Section 321.105, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17     4. In addition to the payment of an annual registration  
18 fee for each trailer and semitrailer to be issued ~~an annual~~  
19 a registration plate under chapter 326, an additional  
20 registration fee may be paid for a period of ~~two or four~~  
21 subsequent registration years.

22     Sec. 9. Section 321.106, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2011, are  
23 amended to read as follows:

24     1. When a vehicle is registered under chapter 326 ~~or a~~  
25 ~~motor truck, truck tractor, or road tractor is registered~~  
26 ~~for a combined gross weight exceeding five tons and there is~~  
27 ~~no delinquency and the registration is made in February or~~  
28 ~~succeeding months through November~~ the second through eleventh  
29 month of the registration year, the annual registration fee  
30 shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the  
31 registration year. ~~A fee shall not be required for the month~~  
32 ~~of December for a vehicle registered on a calendar year basis~~  
33 ~~on which there is no delinquency. However, except for a~~  
34 ~~vehicle registered under chapter 326~~, when such a vehicle is  
35 registered in ~~November~~ the eleventh month of the registration

1 year, the vehicle may be registered for the remaining unexpired  
2 months of the registration year ~~or for the remaining unexpired~~  
3 ~~months of the registration year~~ and for the next registration  
4 year, upon payment of the applicable registration fees.

5 3. If a fee computed under this section contains a  
6 fractional part of a dollar, the fee shall be computed to the  
7 nearest whole dollar. A fee computed under this section shall  
8 not be less than five dollars. The fee so computed shall be  
9 deemed to be the annual registration fee for the remainder  
10 of the registration year. This subsection does not apply to  
11 vehicles registered under chapter 326.

12 Sec. 10. Section 321.126, subsection 1, paragraphs d and e,  
13 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

14 d. If the vehicle is registered by the county treasurer  
15 during the current registration year and the owner or lessee  
16 registers the vehicle for ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration  
17 under chapter 326, the owner of the registered vehicle shall  
18 surrender the registration plates to the county treasurer and  
19 may file a claim for refund. In lieu of a refund, a credit  
20 for the annual registration fees paid to the county treasurer  
21 may be applied by the department to the owner or lessee's  
22 ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration fees upon the surrender  
23 of the county plates and registration.

24 e. A refund for trailers and semitrailers issued a ~~multiyear~~  
25 permanent registration plate pursuant to chapter 326 shall be  
26 paid by the department upon application.

27 Sec. 11. Section 321.126, subsection 2, Code 2011, is  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 2. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
30 contrary, there shall be no refund of ~~proportional~~ apportioned  
31 registration fees unless the state which issued the base plate  
32 for the vehicle allows such refund. If an owner subject to  
33 ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration leases the vehicle  
34 for which the refund is sought, the claim shall be filed in  
35 the names of both the lessee and the lessor and the refund

1 payment made payable to both the lessor and the lessee. The  
2 term "owner" for purposes of this section shall include a  
3 person in whom is vested right of possession or control of a  
4 vehicle which is subject to a lease, contract, or other legal  
5 arrangement vesting right of possession or control in addition  
6 to the term as defined in section 321.1, subsection 49.

7 Sec. 12. Section 321.127, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2011,  
8 are amended to read as follows:

9 3. For trailers or semitrailers issued a ~~multiyear~~  
10 permanent registration plate, a refund shall be paid equal to  
11 the annual fee for twelve months times the remaining number of  
12 complete registration years.

13 4. Refunds for vehicles registered for ~~proportional~~  
14 apportioned registration under chapter 326 shall be paid on the  
15 basis of unexpired complete calendar months remaining in the  
16 registration year from the date the claim for refund, and the  
17 ~~license plate, and registration receipt~~ are received by the  
18 department.

19 Sec. 13. Section 321.134, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 **321.134 Monthly penalty.**

22 1. On the first day of the second month following the  
23 beginning of each registration year a penalty of five percent  
24 of the annual registration fee shall be added to the annual  
25 registration fees not paid by that date and an additional  
26 penalty of five percent shall be added the first day of each  
27 succeeding month, until the fee is paid. A penalty shall  
28 not be less than five dollars. If the owner of a vehicle  
29 surrenders the registration plates for a vehicle prior to the  
30 plates becoming delinquent, to the county treasurer of the  
31 county where the vehicle is registered, or to the department  
32 if the vehicle is registered under chapter 326, the owner may  
33 register the vehicle any time thereafter upon payment of the  
34 annual registration fee for the registration year without  
35 penalty. ~~The penalty on vehicles registered under chapter 326~~

1 ~~shall accrue February 1 of each year.~~ To avoid a penalty or  
2 an additional penalty in the case of a delinquent registration  
3 through a county treasurer, if the last calendar day of a month  
4 falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the payment deadline  
5 is extended to include the first business day of the following  
6 month. For payments made through a county treasurer's  
7 authorized website only, if the last day of the month falls  
8 on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the electronic payment  
9 must be initiated by midnight on the first business day of the  
10 next month. All other electronic payments must be initiated by  
11 midnight on the last day of the month preceding the delinquent  
12 date.

13 ~~2. The annual registration fee for trucks, truck tractors,~~  
14 ~~and road tractors, as provided in sections 321.121 and 321.122,~~  
15 ~~may be payable in two equal semiannual installments if the~~  
16 ~~annual registration fee exceeds the annual registration fee~~  
17 ~~for a vehicle with a gross weight exceeding five tons. The~~  
18 ~~penalties provided in subsection 1 shall be computed on the~~  
19 ~~amount of the first installment only and on the first day~~  
20 ~~of the seventh month of the registration period the same~~  
21 ~~rate of penalty shall apply to the second installment, until~~  
22 ~~the fee is paid. Semiannual installments do not apply to~~  
23 ~~commercial vehicles, as defined under section 326.2, subject~~  
24 ~~to proportional registration, with a base state other than~~  
25 ~~the state of Iowa, as defined in section 326.2, subsection 1.~~  
26 ~~The penalty on vehicles registered under chapter 326 accrues~~  
27 ~~August 1 of each year except as provided in section 326.6. The~~  
28 ~~department shall not allow the annual registration fee for a~~  
29 ~~commercial vehicle registered under chapter 326 to be paid in~~  
30 ~~two equal semiannual installments for five years after the~~  
31 ~~registrant has paid the annual registration fee late for two~~  
32 ~~consecutive years.~~

33 ~~3. 2.~~ If a penalty applies to an annual vehicle  
34 registration fee provided for in sections 321.121 and 321.122,  
35 the same penalty shall be assessed on the fees collected to

1 increase the registered gross weight of the vehicle, if the  
2 increased gross weight is requested within forty-five days from  
3 the date the delinquent vehicle is registered for the current  
4 registration period.

5 ~~4.~~ 3. Notwithstanding subsections 1 ~~through 3~~ and 2,  
6 if a vehicle registration is delinquent for twenty-four  
7 months or more, a flat penalty and fee shall be assessed  
8 for the delinquent period in addition to the current annual  
9 registration fee. The flat penalty and fee shall be one  
10 hundred fifty percent of the current annual registration fee.

11 ~~5.~~ 4. The department shall waive the penalties imposed by  
12 this section for an owner who is in the military service of  
13 the United States and who has been relocated as a result of  
14 being placed on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.  
15 The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection,  
16 including, if necessary, procedures for refunding penalties  
17 collected prior to March 29, 2004.

18 Sec. 14. Section 321.466, subsection 1, Code 2011, is  
19 amended by striking the subsection.

20 Sec. 15. Section 321.466, subsections 2 and 6, Code 2011,  
21 are amended to read as follows:

22 ~~2. During or after the seventh month of a current~~  
23 ~~registration year, the~~ The owner of a motor truck, truck  
24 tractor, or road tractor, ~~semitrailer or trailer may, if~~  
25 ~~the owner's operation has not resulted in a conviction or~~  
26 ~~action pending under this section,~~ may increase the gross  
27 weight registration of the vehicle to a higher gross weight  
28 ~~classification~~ registration by payment of one-twelfth of the  
29 difference between the annual fee for the higher gross weight  
30 and the amount of the fee for the gross weight at which ~~it~~ the  
31 vehicle is registered, multiplied by the number of unexpired  
32 months of the registration year.

33 6. For the purposes of this section cracked or ground  
34 soybeans, ~~sarge~~ sorgo, corn, wheat, rye, oats, or other grain  
35 shall be deemed to be raw farm products, provided that such

1 products are being directly delivered to a farm, from the  
2 place where the whole grain had been delivered from a farm for  
3 the purpose of cracking or grinding and immediate delivery to  
4 the farm to which such cracked or ground products are being  
5 delivered.

6 Sec. 16. Section 321F.8, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 **321F.8 Registration of vehicle required.**

9 All motor vehicles which are primarily garaged or located  
10 in this state and which are the subject of a lease shall  
11 be registered in this state. This section shall not be  
12 construed to exempt any motor vehicle from registration which  
13 is otherwise subject to registration under the provisions of  
14 chapter 321, provided, however, that the provisions of this  
15 section shall not apply to motor vehicles in fleets whose  
16 registrations are apportioned under the provisions of ~~section~~  
17 326.2 chapter 326.

18 Sec. 17. Section 326.1, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 **326.1 Policy.**

21 It is the policy of this state to promote and encourage  
22 the fullest possible use of ~~its~~ the state's highway system  
23 by authorizing the negotiation and execution of motor  
24 vehicle ~~reciprocal or proportional registration agreements,~~  
25 ~~arrangements and declarations with other jurisdictions~~  
26 reciprocity agreements. Apportioned registration shall be  
27 conducted in accordance with the international registration  
28 plan with respect to vehicles registered in this and ~~such~~ other  
29 jurisdictions, thus contributing to the economic and social  
30 development and growth of this state.

31 Sec. 18. Section 326.2, Code 2011, is amended by striking  
32 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

33 **326.2 Definitions.**

34 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
35 requires:

1 1. "*Commercial vehicle*" means any vehicle which is operated  
2 in interstate commerce or combined intrastate and interstate  
3 commerce and used for the transportation of persons for hire,  
4 compensation or profit, or designed or used primarily for the  
5 transportation of property.

6 2. "*Department*" means the department of transportation.

7 3. "*Director*" means the director of transportation or the  
8 director's designee.

9 4. "*International registration plan*" or "*plan*" means  
10 the registration reciprocity agreement among states of the  
11 United States, the District of Columbia, and provinces of  
12 Canada providing for payment of apportionable fees on the  
13 basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions, in  
14 effect on January 1, 2011, or as later amended, published by  
15 international registration plan, inc., and available on the  
16 plan's internet site.

17 5. "*Registration fee*" means the annual motor vehicle  
18 registration fee imposed pursuant to section 321.105, unless  
19 otherwise specified.

20 6. "*Trip*" for purposes of section 326.23 means:

21 a. A one-way movement from one point originating outside  
22 this state and destined to another point outside this state.

23 b. A round-trip movement between two points within this  
24 state.

25 c. A round-trip movement originating in this state or  
26 destined for a point within this state.

27 7. The terms "*combination*" or "*combination of vehicles*",  
28 "*gross weight*", "*highway*", "*motor vehicle*", "*nonresident*",  
29 "*owner*", "*person*", "*semitrailer*", "*trailer*", "*truck tractor*", and  
30 "*vehicle*" mean as defined in section 321.1.

31 Sec. 19. NEW SECTION. 326.3 Additional definitions.

32 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
33 requires, the following terms have the following meaning, as  
34 provided in the international registration plan, or the meaning  
35 ascribed in the international registration plan as it may exist

1 at the time of its applicability to the provisions of this  
2 chapter:

3 1. "*Applicant*" means a person in whose name an application  
4 is filed for registration under the plan.

5 2. "*Apportionable fee*" means any periodic recurring fee or  
6 tax required for registering vehicles, such as registration,  
7 license, or weight fees.

8 3. *a.* "*Apportionable vehicle*" means any power unit that is  
9 used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions  
10 and that is used for the transportation of persons for hire or  
11 designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation  
12 of property if one of the following applies:

13 (1) The power unit has two axles and a gross vehicle weight  
14 or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six  
15 thousand pounds.

16 (2) The power unit has three or more axles, regardless of  
17 weight.

18 (3) The power unit is used in combination, when the gross  
19 vehicle weight of such combination exceeds twenty-six thousand  
20 pounds.

21 *b.* A recreational vehicle, a vehicle displaying restricted  
22 plates, a bus used in the transportation of chartered parties,  
23 or a government-owned vehicle is not an apportionable vehicle;  
24 except that a truck or truck tractor, or the power unit in  
25 a combination of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of  
26 twenty-six thousand pounds or less, or a bus used in the  
27 transportation of chartered parties may be registered under the  
28 plan at the option of the registrant.

29 4. "*Apportioned vehicle*" means an apportionable vehicle that  
30 has been registered under the plan.

31 5. "*Audit*" means the physical examination of a registrant's  
32 operational records, including source documents, to verify  
33 the distances reported in the registrant's application for  
34 apportioned registration and the accuracy of the registrant's  
35 record-keeping system for its fleet. Such an examination may

1 be of multiple fleets for multiple years.

2 6. "*Audit procedures manual*" or "*APM*" means the audit  
3 procedures manual required to be maintained in the plan.

4 7. "*Auxiliary axle*" means an auxiliary undercarriage  
5 assembly with a fifth wheel and tow bar used to convert a  
6 semitrailer to a trailer.

7 8. "*Axle*" means an assembly of a vehicle consisting of two  
8 or more wheels whose centers are in one horizontal plane, by  
9 means of which a portion of the weight of a vehicle and its  
10 load, if any, is continually transmitted to the roadway. For  
11 purposes of registration under the plan, an "axle" is any such  
12 assembly whether or not it is load-bearing only part of the  
13 time.

14 9. "*Base jurisdiction*" means the member jurisdiction,  
15 selected in accordance with the plan, to which an applicant  
16 applies for apportioned registration under the plan or the  
17 member jurisdiction that issues apportioned registration to a  
18 registrant under the plan.

19 10. "*Cab card*" means an evidence of registration, other than  
20 a plate, issued for an apportioned vehicle registered under  
21 the plan by the base jurisdiction and carried in or on the  
22 identified vehicle.

23 11. "*Chartered party*" means a group of persons who, pursuant  
24 to a common purpose and under a single contract, have acquired  
25 the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle to  
26 travel together as a group to a specified destination or for a  
27 particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified  
28 by the group after leaving the place of origin. "*Chartered*  
29 *party*" includes services rendered to a number of passengers that  
30 a passenger carrier or its agent has assembled into a travel  
31 group through sales of a ticket to each individual passenger  
32 covering a round trip from one or more points of origin to a  
33 single advertised destination.

34 12. "*Credentials*" means the cab card and plate issued in  
35 accordance with the plan.

1 13. "*Fleet*" means one or more apportionable vehicles  
2 designated by a registrant for distance reporting under the  
3 plan.

4 14. "*Jurisdiction*" means a country or a state, province,  
5 territory, possession, or federal district of a country.

6 15. "*Lease*" means a transaction evidenced by a written  
7 document in which a lessor vests exclusive possession, control,  
8 and responsibility for the operation of a vehicle in a lessee  
9 for a specific term. A long-term lease is for a period of  
10 thirty calendar days or more. A short-term lease is for a  
11 period of less than thirty calendar days.

12 16. "*Lessee*" means a person that is authorized to have  
13 exclusive possession and control of a vehicle owned by another  
14 person under terms of a lease agreement.

15 17. "*Lessor*" means a person that, under the terms of a  
16 lease agreement, authorizes another person to have exclusive  
17 possession of, control of, and responsibility for the operation  
18 of a vehicle.

19 18. "*Member jurisdiction*" means a jurisdiction that has  
20 applied and has been approved for membership in the plan in  
21 accordance with the plan.

22 19. "*Operational records*" means source documents that  
23 evidence distance traveled by a fleet in each member  
24 jurisdiction, such as furl reports, trip sheets, and driver  
25 logs, including those which may be generated through on-board  
26 devices and maintained electronically, as required by the audit  
27 procedures manual.

28 20. "*Plate*" means the license plate, including renewal  
29 decals, if any, issued for a vehicle registered under the plan  
30 by the base jurisdiction.

31 21. "*Power unit*" means a motor vehicle as distinguished from  
32 a trailer, semitrailer, or auxiliary axle, but not including  
33 an automobile or a motorcycle.

34 22. "*Properly registered vehicle*" means a vehicle which  
35 has been registered in full compliance with the laws of all

1 jurisdictions in which it is intended to operate.

2 23. "*Reciprocity*" means the reciprocal grant by one  
3 jurisdiction of operating rights or privileges in properly  
4 registered vehicles registered by another jurisdiction,  
5 especially but not exclusively including privileges generally  
6 conferred by vehicle registration.

7 24. "*Reciprocity agreement*" means an agreement, arrangement,  
8 or understanding between two or more jurisdictions under which  
9 each of the participating jurisdictions grants reciprocal  
10 rights or privileges to properly registered vehicles that are  
11 registered under the laws of other participating jurisdictions.

12 25. "*Recreational vehicle*" means a vehicle used for personal  
13 pleasure or personal travel and not in connection with any  
14 commercial endeavor.

15 26. "*Registrant*" means a person in whose name a properly  
16 registered vehicle is registered.

17 27. "*Registration year*" means the twelve-month period  
18 during which, under the laws of the base jurisdiction, the  
19 registration issued to a registrant by the base jurisdiction is  
20 valid.

21 28. "*Reporting period*" means the period of twelve  
22 consecutive months immediately prior to July 1 of the calendar  
23 year immediately preceding the beginning of the registration  
24 year for which apportioned registration is sought. However,  
25 if the registration year begins on any date in July, August,  
26 or September, the reporting period shall be the previous such  
27 twelve-month period.

28 29. "*Restricted plate*" means a plate that has a time,  
29 geographic area, distance, or commodity restriction or a mass  
30 transit or other special plate issued for a bus leased or owned  
31 by a municipal government, a state or provincial transportation  
32 authority, or a private party, and operated as part of an urban  
33 mass transit system, as defined by the jurisdiction that issues  
34 the plate.

35 30. "*Total distance*" means all distance, including that

1 accrued on trip permits, operated by a fleet of apportioned  
2 vehicles in all member jurisdictions during the reporting  
3 period.

4 31. "Trip permit" means a permit issued by a member  
5 jurisdiction in lieu of apportioned or full registration.

6 32. "Truck" means a power unit designed, used, or maintained  
7 primarily for the transportation of property.

8 Sec. 20. Section 326.6, Code 2011, is amended by striking  
9 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 **326.6 Apportionable registration fees.**

11 The department may determine the sum total amount of  
12 registration fees necessary to register each and every vehicle  
13 in a fleet based on the annual registration fees prescribed in  
14 chapter 321.

15 Sec. 21. Section 326.10A, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **326.10A Payment by ~~check~~.**

18 The department shall accept payment of fees under this  
19 chapter by personal or corporate check, cash, wire transfer,  
20 or other means allowed by the department. The A fee shall be  
21 deemed to have been paid upon receipt of the check payment  
22 in full. If the check payment is not honored, all fees  
23 and penalties shall accumulate as if the fee was were not  
24 paid. After appropriate warning from the department, the  
25 registration account shall be suspended, collection pursued,  
26 and the delinquent registration fees shall become a debt due  
27 the state of Iowa. After a dishonored check payment has been  
28 received from an applicant, payments submitted by the applicant  
29 during the following year must be made with guaranteed funds.  
30 However, the department may instead accept payment in the form  
31 of a corporate check made on behalf of the applicant from an  
32 approved company with a satisfactory payment history.

33 Sec. 22. Section 326.11, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 **326.11 Subsequently acquired vehicles.**

1 Vehicles acquired by a ~~fleet owner~~ registrant after the  
2 commencement of the registration year and subsequently added to  
3 the fleet shall be ~~prorated by applying the mileage percentage~~  
4 ~~used in the original application for such fleet for such~~  
5 ~~registration period to registration fees due under chapter~~  
6 ~~321. An application for registration shall be filed with the~~  
7 ~~department~~ apportioned pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
8 321 and the international registration plan.

9 ~~The director may issue temporary written authorization~~  
10 ~~to carriers for vehicles acquired by a fleet owner and~~  
11 ~~added to the fleet owner's prorate fleet after the beginning~~  
12 ~~of the registration year. The temporary authority shall~~  
13 ~~permit the operation of a commercial vehicle until permanent~~  
14 ~~identification is issued, except that the temporary authority~~  
15 ~~shall expire after sixty days.~~

16 Sec. 23. Section 326.12, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 **326.12 Vehicles deleted — registration transferred.**

19 ~~Fleet owners~~ Registrants who delete commercial vehicles  
20 displaying Iowa base plates from the fleet after the  
21 commencement of the registration year shall be allowed to  
22 transfer registration credit to a replacement vehicle in  
23 accordance with this section. Iowa shall allow credit for  
24 non-Iowa based deleted vehicles only if the state jurisdiction  
25 designated by the ~~fleet owner~~ registrant as the base state  
26 jurisdiction of the deleted vehicle permits transfer of  
27 registration credit to the replacement vehicle. Allowance of  
28 credit for deleted vehicles shall be subject to the following  
29 conditions:

30 1. The fee for ~~reissuance or~~ issuance of registration  
31 ~~credentials or for transfer of credentials~~ a replacement  
32 vehicle shall be seven dollars.

33 2. ~~No deletion shall be made nor credit allowed toward~~  
34 ~~registration of a replacement vehicle unless the vehicle to~~  
35 ~~be removed from service has been sold, junked, repossessed,~~

1 ~~foreclosed by mechanic's lien, title transferred by operation~~  
2 ~~of law, or cancellation or expiration of a lease arrangement.~~  
3 ~~The deleted vehicle shall have been disposed of on or before~~  
4 ~~the date the replacement vehicle was acquired or in the~~  
5 ~~possession of the applicant.~~

6 ~~3.~~ 2. If a leased vehicle is to be deleted from the fleet  
7 and unexpired registration fees applied to the replacement  
8 vehicle, the lessee shall refund any unexpired registration  
9 fees paid by the lessor to the lessee on the transferred  
10 vehicle.

11 ~~4.~~ 3. Credit shall be given for unexpired months.

12 ~~5.~~ 4. The registration of the vehicle being added to the  
13 fleet is not delinquent under chapter 321.

14 Sec. 24. Section 326.13, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 **326.13 Information under oath.**

17 The department shall require ~~fleet owners~~ registrants  
18 to submit under oath any information deemed necessary by  
19 the department to carry out the provisions of this chapter.  
20 ~~Information furnished under this chapter shall be forwarded to~~  
21 ~~the director of the department by each fleet owner no later~~  
22 ~~than January 1 of the current registration year.~~

23 Sec. 25. Section 326.14, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **326.14 ~~Plates and receipts~~ Credentials — registration period**  
26 **year and renewal — penalty.**

27 1. The department shall issue a single registration  
28 plate and registration receipt for each vehicle pursuant to  
29 apportionment agreements or provisions authorized under this  
30 chapter. ~~The registration period for a vehicle registered~~  
31 ~~pursuant to this chapter is from January 1 through December 31~~  
32 ~~of each year.~~

33 2. a. Each registration year for a vehicle registered  
34 pursuant to this chapter is a twelve-month period commencing  
35 on the first day of a calendar month and ending on the last day

1 of the twelfth month in that twelve-month period. Vehicles  
2 subject to registration shall be registered for a registration  
3 year as determined by the department. The department  
4 may adjust the renewal or expiration date of a vehicle's  
5 registration when deemed necessary to equalize the number of  
6 vehicles registered in each twelve-month period or for the  
7 administrative efficiency of the department.

8 b. The department may establish a procedure for the  
9 implementation of a staggered registration system for vehicles  
10 registered pursuant to the international registration plan.  
11 Procedures established under this section may provide for a  
12 one-time collection of fewer than twelve or up to eighteen  
13 months of registration fees.

14 ~~2.~~ 3. An application for renewal of registration shall  
15 be postmarked or received in the office of motor carrier  
16 services of the department no later than ~~January 31~~ the last  
17 day of the registration expiration month. A five percent late  
18 filing penalty shall be assessed to an application for renewal  
19 postmarked or received on or after ~~February 1~~ the first day  
20 following the last day of the registration expiration month,  
21 with an additional five percent penalty assessed the first of  
22 each month thereafter until the application is filed. The  
23 enforcement deadline for failure to display a registration  
24 plate and registration is ~~March 15 at 12:01 a.m.~~ of the first  
25 day following the last day of the registration expiration  
26 month.

27 Sec. 26. Section 326.15, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 **326.15 Refunds of registration fees.**

30 1. Refunds of registration fees paid for motor vehicles  
31 under this chapter shall be in accordance with section 321.126.  
32 In addition, if a motor vehicle is removed from an apportioned  
33 fleet, the ~~owner in whose name the motor vehicle was registered~~  
34 registrant shall return the registration plate to the  
35 department and make a claim for refund. A refund shall not be

1 allowed without documentation of the subsequent registration of  
2 the motor vehicle.

3 2. A qualified ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant may certify to the  
4 department that the registration plate has been destroyed in  
5 lieu of surrendering the plate. The department shall adopt  
6 rules to define a qualified ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant.

7 Sec. 27. Section 326.16, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2011, are  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. If the fees for ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration  
10 are not paid to each ~~contracting~~ member jurisdiction  
11 entitled thereto on the basis of the ~~proportional~~ apportioned  
12 registration application and supporting documents filed  
13 with the department by the ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant within a  
14 reasonable amount of time as determined by the department, the  
15 department shall calculate late payment penalties. The ~~fleet~~  
16 ~~owner~~ registrant shall be notified by regular mail that fees  
17 and penalties are due and must be paid within thirty days of  
18 the invoice date. If fees and penalties are not received, the  
19 ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant shall be notified by ~~certified~~ regular  
20 mail that the ~~owner's~~ registration has been suspended.

21 2. A five percent late payment penalty shall be assessed if  
22 an invoice is not paid within thirty days of the invoice date  
23 ~~or within thirty days of January 31 of the registration year,~~  
24 ~~whichever is later,~~ with an additional five percent penalty  
25 assessed the first of each month thereafter until all fees and  
26 penalties are paid. In addition, the fees due for registration  
27 in this state shall be a debt due to the state of Iowa.

28 Sec. 28. Section 326.19A, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **326.19A Failure to maintain operational records — penalty.**

31 1. The department may assess a penalty in an amount equal to  
32 twenty percent of the ~~amount calculated under section 326.6,~~  
33 ~~subsection 2, paragraph "b", if the audit of the apportioned~~  
34 ~~fleet-owner under section 326.19~~ apportioned fees if an audit  
35 conducted pursuant to the international registration plan

1 confirms that the ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant has failed to maintain  
2 operational records on all of the following:

3     a. Verification of miles distance for the preceding year.

4     ~~b. Jurisdictional percentages claimed pursuant to section~~  
5 ~~326.6, subsection 1.~~

6     ~~c.~~ b. Reciprocity agreements to which the department may  
7 be a party.

8     2. The department shall adopt rules specifying the records  
9 and other information required for an audit under ~~section~~  
10 ~~326.19~~ the international registration plan.

11     Sec. 29. Section 326.21, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13     **326.21 Laws of other states jurisdictions — Iowa interests.**

14     In the absence of an agreement with another jurisdiction,  
15 the department may examine the laws and requirements of such  
16 jurisdiction and declare the extent and nature of exemptions,  
17 benefits, and privileges to be extended to vehicles or owners  
18 of vehicles properly registered or licensed in such other  
19 jurisdiction. The department shall consider the interests of  
20 the state of Iowa and ~~the~~ its citizens ~~thereof~~, the interests  
21 of the other jurisdictions and ~~the~~ their citizens ~~thereof~~, and  
22 the benefits which will accrue to the economy of the state of  
23 Iowa from the uninterrupted flow of commerce in declarations  
24 made ~~under~~ pursuant to this section. Each declaration shall  
25 specify that the extent of exemptions, benefits, and privileges  
26 is subject to revision without notice upon adoption by the  
27 general assembly of legislation in conflict with the terms of  
28 any such declaration.

29     Sec. 30. Section 326.22, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31     **326.22 Operational laws of Iowa applicable.**

32     A nonresident registered vehicle is subject to all laws  
33 and rules governing the operation of such vehicle on the  
34 highways of this state. The registration ~~plates, stickers,~~  
35 ~~or other identification~~ credentials assigned and furnished to

1 any vehicle for the current registration year by the state  
2 jurisdiction in which the vehicle is registered shall be  
3 displayed on the vehicle substantially as provided in chapter  
4 321 for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of  
5 this chapter. In addition, a fee set by the department to  
6 cover actual cost shall be charged for each plate, sticker,  
7 or other identification furnished for each vehicle registered  
8 in accordance with the provisions of this section or extended  
9 reciprocity in accordance with the provisions of this section.  
10 A charge shall not be made for the initial ~~registration receipt~~  
11 credentials issued for each vehicle registered pursuant to  
12 an ~~apportionment~~ apportioned registration agreement. A fee  
13 set by the department to cover actual costs shall be charged  
14 for issuance of duplicate plates, stickers, other required  
15 identification, or ~~registration receipts~~ other credentials.

16 Sec. 31. Section 326.25, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 **326.25 Applications — investigations.**

19 1. The department shall examine and determine the  
20 genuineness, regularity, and legality of every application  
21 lawfully made pursuant to this chapter, and may in all cases  
22 make investigations as may be deemed necessary or require  
23 additional information. The department shall reject any such  
24 application if not satisfied of the genuineness, regularity,  
25 or legality ~~thereof~~ of the application or the truth of any  
26 statement contained ~~therein~~ in the application, or for  
27 any other reason, when authorized by law. The department  
28 is ~~hereby~~ authorized to take possession of any indicia of  
29 ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration or reciprocity upon  
30 expiration, revocation, cancellation, or suspension ~~thereof~~ of  
31 the registration, or which is fictitious, or which has been  
32 unlawfully or erroneously issued.

33 2. The department may suspend or revoke the registration  
34 indicia of a vehicle registered on a ~~pro-rated~~ apportioned  
35 basis in any one of the following events:

1 a. When the department is satisfied that such registration  
2 indicia was issued upon fraudulent application. Bona  
3 fide errors shall be corrected within fifteen days after  
4 notification by the department.

5 b. When the department determines that the required fee  
6 has not been paid and ~~same~~ the fee is not paid upon reasonable  
7 notice and demand.

8 c. When the registration indicia is knowingly displayed on  
9 a vehicle which is not in the ~~prorate~~ apportioned fleet of the  
10 registrant.

11 d. Upon a determination that the motor vehicle does not have  
12 financial liability coverage as required under section 321.20B.  
13 Sec. 32. Section 326.26, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 **326.26 Forms.**

16 The department shall prescribe and provide suitable forms of  
17 application, ~~registration receipts~~ credentials, and all other  
18 forms requisite or deemed necessary to carry out the provisions  
19 of this chapter.

20 Sec. 33. Section 326.27, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 **326.27 Violations to negate agreements.**

23 Operation of a commercial vehicle or vehicles in violation  
24 of the requirements of this chapter, the motor vehicle  
25 registration laws of this state, or the terms of any agreement  
26 negotiated by the department pursuant to this chapter may,  
27 after due notice and hearing, be grounds for denial of  
28 reciprocal or ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration privileges  
29 ~~on~~ for the vehicle or vehicles of an owner so operated. ~~Any~~  
30 An owner denied such reciprocal or ~~proportional~~ apportioned  
31 registration privileges shall be subject to payment of full  
32 annual Iowa registration fees ~~on~~ for any such vehicle operated  
33 on Iowa highways. In addition to denial of reciprocal or  
34 ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration privileges, it shall be  
35 a simple misdemeanor, unless such act is declared under Iowa

1 law to be a felony, for any person to operate under reciprocity  
2 or ~~proportional~~ apportioned registration in violation of any  
3 requirements of this chapter.

4 Sec. 34. Section 326.28, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 **326.28 Copies of records — fee.**

7 A fee shall be charged for copies of ~~such records as may be~~  
8 ~~provided from the office of~~ by the department or the director.  
9 ~~Such fee shall be one dollar for the first page and fifty cents~~  
10 ~~for each additional page of copy received at any one time.~~

11 Sec. 35. Section 326.29, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **326.29 Fees to road use tax fund.**

14 Fees collected by the department pursuant to this chapter  
15 shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in  
16 the road use tax fund except that fees collected for other  
17 ~~states~~ jurisdictions shall be placed in a special fund known  
18 as the "reciprocity fund". The department, at least monthly,  
19 shall order the disbursement of such fees collected to the  
20 appropriate ~~states~~ jurisdictions. Interest earned on the  
21 "reciprocity fund" shall be retained by the state and shall be  
22 credited to the road use tax fund.

23 Sec. 36. Section 326.30, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **326.30 Motor vehicle law applicable.**

26 All provisions of chapter 321, insofar as applicable, are  
27 extended to include owners who register and title vehicles in  
28 this state on a ~~proportional~~ an apportioned registration basis  
29 or who operate interstate on Iowa highways under reciprocity.

30 Sec. 37. Section 326.31, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 **326.31 Filing incorrect information — effect.**

33 1. If the director has reason to believe that a ~~fleet~~  
34 ~~owner~~ registrant has filed incorrect information with the  
35 department, for the purpose of reducing the ~~fleet owner's~~

1 registrant's obligation for registration fees or fuel taxes,  
2 the director may revoke the apportioned registration privileges  
3 on all of the vehicles owned by the person. A person who has  
4 such privileges revoked shall be required to register all of  
5 the vehicles owned by the person with the appropriate county  
6 treasurer for a period of no less than one year and no more  
7 than five years thereafter. The department may use all reports  
8 pertaining to the registration fees and motor fuel taxes in  
9 ascertaining the accuracy of reports filed pertaining to  
10 registration fees and motor fuel taxes.

11 2. A person whose privileges are revoked may request an  
12 administrative hearing of ~~said~~ the action in accordance with  
13 chapter 17A, and during the period pending the hearing, the  
14 apportioned registration privileges shall be reinstated if the  
15 ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant posts security with the department in  
16 an amount sufficient to pay the full annual fees if an adverse  
17 decision is rendered at the hearing. At ~~such~~ the hearing, the  
18 ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant shall have the burden of proof as to the  
19 accuracy of any report filed by the ~~fleet-owner~~ registrant with  
20 the department. Judicial review of any decision reached at the  
21 administrative hearing may be sought in accordance with the  
22 terms of the Iowa administrative procedure Act, chapter 17A.

23 Sec. 38. Section 326.32, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 **326.32 Additional fees or restrictions by other states**  
26 **jurisdictions — effect.**

27 If the laws of any other ~~state or country~~ jurisdiction impose  
28 any taxes, fees, charges, penalties, obligations, prohibitions,  
29 or limitations of any kind upon the vehicles of residents  
30 of Iowa, in addition to those imposed upon the vehicles of  
31 residents of such other ~~state or country~~ jurisdiction by the  
32 state of Iowa, the department may impose and collect fees and  
33 charges in the same amount and impose the same obligations,  
34 prohibitions, or limitations upon the owner or operator of a  
35 vehicle registered in such other ~~state or country~~ jurisdiction.

1     Sec. 39. Section 326.46, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **326.46 Temporary unladen weight registration.**

4     The department may issue temporary registration for  
5 unregistered vehicles subject to registration under this  
6 chapter upon application by the owner and payment of a fee  
7 of ten dollars for each vehicle. The registration shall be  
8 valid for fifteen days and for one trip between specified  
9 points of origin and destination, with intermediate points  
10 authorized by the department. Property or passengers shall  
11 not be transported while the vehicle is subject to temporary  
12 registration.

13     Sec. 40. REPEAL. Sections 326.7, 326.8, 326.9, 326.17,  
14 326.18, 326.19, and 326.20, Code 2011, are repealed.

15     Sec. 41. IMPLEMENTATION. The section of this Act amending  
16 sections 321.1, subsection 60, relating to the registration  
17 of motor trucks and truck tractors with a combined gross  
18 weight exceeding five tons that are registered with the county  
19 treasurer, the section of this Act striking section 321.134,  
20 subsection 2, to eliminate semiannual installment payments  
21 for certain registration fees, and the section of this Act  
22 amending section 321.106, subsection 1, relating to proration  
23 of certain registration fees shall be implemented on and after  
24 January 1, 2013, for vehicles with a registration expiration  
25 date after December 31, 2012. However, the department of  
26 transportation may begin implementation before January 1, 2013,  
27 to the extent necessary to transition to full implementation of  
28 those provisions.

29

EXPLANATION

30     This bill contains provisions concerning the registration  
31 of motor trucks, truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers  
32 and provisions concerning motor carriers operating in multiple  
33 jurisdictions under the international registration plan.

34     The bill provides that motor trucks and truck tractors with  
35 a combined gross weight exceeding five tons shall be registered

1 for a registration year that begins on the first day of the  
2 month following the month of the birth of the owner, rather  
3 than on a calendar year basis. The bill amends the definition  
4 of "registration year" for purposes of Code chapter 321 to  
5 reflect the change for six-ton motor trucks and truck tractors.  
6 The bill further amends the definition of "registration  
7 year" to reflect the change from calendar year registration  
8 to staggered registration for vehicles registered under the  
9 international registration plan pursuant to Code chapter 326.

10 The bill eliminates the current option of a three-year  
11 registration for trailers and semitrailers licensed under the  
12 international registration plan, but retains the option of a  
13 five-year registration and allows the issuance of a permanent  
14 registration plate for those vehicles.

15 Under current law, the annual registration fee for trucks,  
16 truck tractors, and road tractors with a gross weight exceeding  
17 five tons may be paid in semiannual installments. The bill  
18 strikes that option, and requires full payment of registration  
19 fees on an annual basis. The bill makes conforming changes  
20 to provisions for proration of registration fees for vehicles  
21 registered in the second through eleventh month of the  
22 registration year.

23 The bill amends Code section 321.134 to specify that the  
24 penalties prescribed in that Code section for delinquent  
25 registration of a vehicle do not apply to vehicles registered  
26 under the international registration plan.

27 Under current law, the owner of a vehicle may obtain  
28 an increased gross weight registration by payment of the  
29 difference between the annual fee for the higher gross weight  
30 and the fee for the gross weight at which the vehicle is  
31 registered. If the increased weight registration occurs  
32 during or after the seventh month of the registration year,  
33 the required fee is one-twelfth of the difference in the  
34 annual fees multiplied by the number of unexpired months of  
35 the registration year. However, increased weight registration

1 is not allowed if the owner's operation of the vehicle has  
2 resulted in a conviction or action pending under Code chapter  
3 321. The bill eliminates that restriction and allows proration  
4 of the difference in the fee at any time in the registration  
5 year when the application for increased weight registration is  
6 made.

7 The bill makes numerous changes to Code chapter 326, which  
8 provides for reciprocal arrangements with other jurisdictions  
9 for the registration of commercial vehicles that operate in  
10 multiple jurisdictions. The bill substitutes the concept  
11 of "apportioned registration" for the current "proportional  
12 registration" and specifies that apportioned registration  
13 shall be conducted under the international registration  
14 plan. "International registration plan" is defined as  
15 the registration reciprocity agreement among states of the  
16 United States, the District of Columbia, and provinces of  
17 Canada providing for payment of apportionable fees on the  
18 basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions, in  
19 effect on January 1, 2011, or as later amended, published by  
20 international registration plan, inc., and available on the  
21 plan's internet site.

22 The bill strikes definitions which are no longer relevant  
23 to Code chapter 326 and defines newly relevant terms as they  
24 are defined in the most current edition of the international  
25 registration plan. The bill makes various changes for  
26 the purpose of conforming the Code to the lexicon of the  
27 international registration plan.

28 The bill strikes current provisions relating to the  
29 application process for proportional registration and the  
30 calculation of registration fees for fleets of commercial  
31 vehicles subject to proportional registration. The department  
32 is authorized under the bill to determine the necessary  
33 apportionable registration fees. The bill directs that the  
34 department shall accept payment of apportioned registration  
35 fees by personal or corporate check, cash, wire transfer, or

1 other means allowed by the department.

2 The bill strikes provisions for the proration of fees  
3 for vehicles added to a fleet after the commencement of the  
4 registration year and provides that newly acquired vehicles  
5 shall be apportioned according to Code chapter 321 and the  
6 international registration plan. Current restrictions on  
7 the deletion of vehicles and the allowance of credit for  
8 replacement vehicles are stricken from Code chapter 326 by the  
9 bill.

10 The bill strikes a requirement for the forwarding of  
11 required information by a fleet owner to the director of  
12 transportation by January 1 of the current registration year.

13 Under current law, vehicles subject to proportional  
14 registration are registered on a calendar-year basis. The  
15 bill changes that by providing for staggered registration  
16 periods of 12 months, with one registration year beginning in  
17 each month of the calendar year and expiring on the last day  
18 of the twelfth calendar month in that 12-month period. The  
19 application deadline for registration renewal is the last day  
20 of the registration expiration month. The enforcement deadline  
21 for failure to display a registration plate and registration  
22 is 12:01 a.m. of the first day following the last day of the  
23 registration expiration month. The department is authorized  
24 to establish procedures for a one-time collection of fewer  
25 than 12 or up to 18 months of registration fees to transition  
26 to staggered registration periods. Notice of suspension of  
27 registration for nonpayment of fees, which the department is  
28 currently required to send by certified mail, may be sent by  
29 regular mail under the bill.

30 The bill strikes specific requirements for the retention  
31 of records by a registrant and the auditing of records,  
32 but retains penalty provisions relating to audits conducted  
33 pursuant to the international registration plan.

34 The bill strikes specific fees for copies of records  
35 provided by the department, but requires the department to

1 charge an unspecified fee for such copies. Pursuant to current  
2 law, fees collected by the department relating to apportioned  
3 registration are deposited in the road use tax fund, except  
4 that fees collected for other jurisdictions are placed in  
5 a special fund called the "reciprocity fund" for eventual  
6 disbursement to appropriate jurisdictions.

7 The bill repeals sections from Code chapter 326 relating  
8 to agreements for proportional registration based on compact  
9 miles, the estimation of mileage for particular fleets of  
10 vehicles, requirements for consistent registration of entire  
11 fleets within each state, the issuance of Iowa base plates,  
12 nonresident fleet owner privileges, specific requirements for  
13 audits, and reciprocity for leased vehicles.

14 The bill states that certain provisions relating to the  
15 registration of motor trucks and truck tractors with a combined  
16 gross weight exceeding five tons that are registered with the  
17 county treasurer, the elimination of semiannual installment  
18 payments for certain registration fees, and the proration of  
19 certain registration fees shall be implemented on and after  
20 January 1, 2012, for vehicles whose registration expires after  
21 December 31, 2012. However, the bill authorizes the department  
22 of transportation to begin implementation earlier to the extent  
23 necessary to transition to full implementation.